

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3109 - HB 3348

March 5, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes a due process procedure for a person to assert an ownership interest in property that is in the possession of a pawnbroker; Requires courts to waive filing fees and sheriffs to waive service of process fees; Authorizes a law enforcement officer to place a hold on property in possession of pawnbroker if there is probable cause to believe it is stolen.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Forgo Local Govt. Revenues – Less Than \$100,000
Increase Local Govt. Revenues – Not Significant
Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Local governments will forgo revenues from waiver of filing fees and sheriff's fees for service of process since this is a new due process procedure and the bill will waive any filing fee or service of process fee.
- The courts will be allowed to collect court costs.
- Increase in local government expenditures for any additional hearings that law enforcement officers are required to attend.
- Currently, local law enforcement is permitted to recover an owner's stolen property directly from pawnbrokers.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director